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SUBJECT: PRC REFUSAL TO VOTE HIGHLIGHTS UNESCO

DISCUSSIONS ON ANGOLA'S ADMISSION TO UNESCO

1. PRC'S DELEGATE EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE SUPPORTING ANGOLA'S ADMISSION TO UNESCO OWING TO INTERVENTION OF A "SELF-STYLED SUPER POWER" IN ANGOLA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH HAD SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED ANGOLA'S UNITY AND INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGNTY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR ANGOLA'S "PRESENT

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PREDICAMENT," AND CONCLUDED THAT THE PRC WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S HEROIC STRUGGLE FOR FULL

INDEPENDENCE.

2. SOVIET DELEGATE ON OTHER HAND APPLAUDED ANGOLA PEOPLE'S SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST AND SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, AND CITED SUPPORT OF "SOME" AFRICAN AND SOCIALIST STATES. HE ALSO SCORED NATO FOR SUPPORTING PORTUGAL DURING ITS COLONIAL DOMINATION OF ANGOLA.

3. CUBAN DELEGATE ONLY MADE APPROPRIATE, RELATIVELY NON PARTISAN COMMENTS SUPPORTING ANGOLA'S ADMISSION.

4. SUMMARIZING OCCASION FROM BROADER HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT, EXBD PRESIDENT WYNTER (SPEAKING THIS TIME AS JAMAICAN GOVT DELEGATE) REMINDED DELEGATES THAT 10 YEARS AGO, UNESCO WAS IN MIDST OF STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIAL DOMINATION. TODAY, HE CONTINUED, ITS EFFORTS WERE GRATIFIED BY UNANIMOUS AND DESERVED SUPPORT FOR ANGOLA'S MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO, AND NOTED AS WELL MOZAMBIQUE'S RECENT APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. WYNTER ELOQUENTLY ASSOCIATED SUCCESS OF THIS STRUGGLE WITH CONTINUING FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND APARTHEID, AND EMPHASIZED THAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ONE MAN IN ONE PART OF WORLD WAS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ALL MEN ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND THAT WE ARE NOW WITNESSING THIS PROCESS.

5. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR WAS PRESENT BUT TOOK NO PART IN DEBATE. PORTUGAL IS NOT A MEMBER OF EXBD.
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